FIRs against leaders involved in riots at Ganj Basoda in M.P.

2834. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the names of various leaders of VHP, Bajrang Dal and BJP have been mentioned in the FIRs for looting and murder of innocents which took place on 15th January, 2003 in the town of Ganj Basoda in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many people have been arrested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per information received from the State Government incidents of violence by some miscreants took place at Ganj Basoda in Bhopal, M.P. on 14th January, 2003. Four office bearers of the Bhartiya Janata Party, Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal have been named in the FIRs. In this connection 66 persons have been arrested so far.

Communal violence at Ganj Basoda (M.P.)

2835. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have never been any communal tension in the town of Ganj Basoda in Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) even in 1992 when there were riots in different parts of the country after Babri Masjid demolition; and

(b) what action has been taken to stop violence which took place on 15th January, 2003 at Ganj Basoda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.